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If the US Government is truly dedicated to a remedy in this anti-trust settlement against MicroSoft, it should begin by no longer being a MicroSoft customer. The government should not be supporting perpetrators of criminal activity, particularly a repeat offender. The current proposed settlement, which follows the philosophy that "what's good for MS is good for the U.S.", is nothing short of empty words. In addition, VAST amounts of tax-payer dollars could be saved if all government at all levels were to invest in open-source/systems software and hardware for all its technology needs. The substantial savings realized through increased data security, and decreased licensing costs could easily be passed back to the "Senatus Americanus Populusque". There are, and always have been, clear alternatives to MicroSoft technology, most of which is based on the POSIX standard; a standard which is ALREADY a requisite for U.S. government software technology acquisitions.

thank you for your time,
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